

**REMARKS**

In the final Office Action dated September 2, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 17-30 and rejected claim 13. Accordingly, Applicants have now cancelled claim 13, thus leaving only allowed claims 17-30 pending in the application.

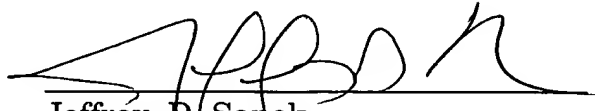
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that claims 17-30 be passed to issuance. An early notice to that effect is solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #951/48953).

Respectfully submitted,

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